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(FMG) AND U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)

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1. EMBASSY RECEIVED COPY OF OJIKUTU REPLY TO DEPUTY
ADMINISTRATOR BLUM ON AUGUST 25.

2. SUMMARY OF REPLY FOLLOWS. DEPTY ADMINISTRATOR
BLUM SHOULD RECEIVE ORIGINAL VIA INTERNATIONAL MAIL
IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

3. BEGIN SUMMARY: DEAR MS. BLUM, THIS IN REPLY TO YOUR
LETTER OF JUNE 29, 1978. WE ARE SORRY FOR THE DELAY BUT
THIS WAS DUE TO SERIES OF CONSULTATIONS THAT HAD TAKEN
PLACE AT THE MINISTRY IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONTENTS OF
YOUR LETTER FOR WHICH DEFINITE DECISIONS ARE REQUIRED.
ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEY: IT IS AGREED THAT THIS SURVEY BE
CARRIED OUT AS STATED IN PARAGRAPH 1 UNDER THIS HEADING.
WE ARE CURRENTLY WORKING ON THE DETAIL FOR THE LOGISTICAL
SUPPORT ANDOTHER REQUIREMENTS. WE SHALL BE IN CONTACT
WITH YOU IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
IMPLEMENTATION OF SURVEY: THE DECISION IS THAT WHEN
THE REPORT ON THE SURVEY IS COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED
PLUS THE RECOMMENDATIONS, THE MINISTRY, IN FURTHER CON-
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SULTATION WITH OTHER AUTHORITIES, WOULD DECIDE ON WHAT
ASPECT OF THERECOMMENDATIONS WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED AND
HOW THE IMPLEMENTATOPON WOULD PROCEED. IN SO FAR AS THE
POSITION WITH THEQ STATES AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES IS CON-
CERNED IN CONNECTION WITH THE IMPLENTATION OF STATES'
ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMMES, IT IS NECESSARY FOR US TO FIRST
OF ALL ASSIST THEM TO ESTABLISH THEIR ADMINISTRATIVE AND

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MANAGERIAL PROGRAMMES SO THAT THEY MAY BE ABLE TO IMPLE-
MENT ON THEIR OWN, MATTERS CONCERNING STATES' ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION PROGRAMMES. AT THEV PRESENT,CONTINOUS CONSULTA-
TION STILL EXISTS BETWEEN THE STATES AND THE FEDERAL GOVERN-
MENT IN MATTERS CONCERNING THE ENVIRONMENT. HOWEVER, WE
SHALL BE GLAD TO RECEIVE YOUR RECOMMENDATION ON APPROPRIATE
FIRMS OF MANAGEMENT EXPERTS WHO MAY BE ABLE TO ASSIST IN
IMPLEMENTING PROGRAMMES IDENTIFIED WHEN THE GOVERNMENT IS
READY TO CARRY OUT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMMES.
MANAGEMENT AND ORGANISATION: THE PROPOSAL IS ACCEPTED AND
IT IS TO BE BROUGHT UP-TO-DATE IN VIEW OF THE CURRENT DEVELOP-
MENT AND WE SHALL BE IN A POSITION TO USE THE DOCUMENT IN
PREPARING OUR PVROGRAMME FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR,
1979/80. FURTHWEMORE, THE PROPOSAL WOULD ASSIST US
IN OUR INPUT TO THE 4TH NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN
PROGRAMME. BEFORE THE LATTER IS DONE,HOWEVER, WE
NEED TO HAVE THE COUNCIL'S APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSAL.
WHEN WE RECEIVE THE FINAL REPORT ON THE SURVEY WHICH
WOULD ASSIST US TO DETERMINE THE EXTEN OF TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE AS WELL AS TECHNICAL ADVISORY PERSONNEL
THAT WE MAY REQUIRE, WE SHALL BE IN A POSITION TO DECIDE
ON THE NUMBER AND AREAS THAT THESE MAY BE REQUIRED. WE
SHALL NEED TO HAVE, HOWEVER, FURTHER CONSULTATION WITH
YOU ON THIS PARTICULAR MATTER. THEREFORE, DECISION ON
THIS ASPECT OF YOUR CORRESPONDENCE WOULD AWA T THE FINAL
REPORT ON THE SURVEY.
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TRAINING: A) IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THAT CONTACTS WILL BE
MADE WITH THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE
SCHOLARSHIPS TO VSTUDENTS FROM EACH OF THE 19 STATES IN
NIGERIA AS WELL AS TO ALLOCATE FEDERAL SCHOLARSHIPS TO
STUDENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRAINING IN ENVIRONMENTAL
PROGRAMME IN THE UNITED STATES THROUGH THE AID PROGRAMME.
FOR THIS PURPOSE, WE SHALL BE HAPPY TO HAVE FROM YOU, THE
LIST OF THE UNIVERSITIES IN THE UNITED STATES AS WELL AS
OF APPROPRIATE ON-THE-JOB TRAINING PROGRAMME OFFERED BY
BOTH THE STATE AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SO THAT WE MAY
BE ABLE TO TRANSMIT THESE TO THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF EDU-
CATION TO ASSIST THEM.

B) WE ALSO ACCEPT YOUR OFFER TO LOCATE CANDIDATES
PARTICULARLY MTHOSE WE WOULD LIKE TO TRAIN FROM THE
MINISTRY, AND PERHAPS OTHERS, WITHIN THE EPA LABORA-
TORIES AND FACILITIES WHERE THEY CAN OBTAIN VALUABLE
WORK EXPERIENCE.

LLIBRARY SERVICES: THIS MATTER IS TO US, VERY IMPORTANT,
AND REQUIRES NO FURTHER EXPLANATORY NOTE. WE WOULD ALSO

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ADVISE THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF EDUCATION TO INCLUDE IN
THEIR SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS WE ARE RECOMMENDING TO THEM,
INDIVIDUALS TO BE TRAINED IN ENVIRONMENTAL LIBRARIANSHIP.
THIS IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE WE HAVE JUST COMPLETED A UNEP IRS
TRAINING PROGRAMME IN WHICH SEVERAL OF THE STATES AS WELL
AS SEVERAL MINISTRIES PARTICIPATED AND WE NOW DECIDE TO
MAKE THE DIVISION OF THE ENRIVRONMENTAL THE NATIONAL FOCAL
POINT FOR IRS AS WELL AS TO CREATE SUB-FOCAL POINTS IN
SOME OF THE STATES. THE SUCCESS OF THIS HOWEVER WOULD
DEPEND ON OUR OWN EFFECTIVENESS AS A CENTRAL FOCAL POINT
FOR NIGERIA. I HOPE I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ANSWER EACH OF
THE POINTS IN YOUR LETTER ADEQUATELY. I WOULD LIKE TO
ADD HOWEVER, THAT YOU MUST BE AWARE THAT THERE ARE PROBLEMS
IN GETTING ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMMES GOING IN A COUNTRY SUCH
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AS NIGERIA WHERE SUCH PROGRAMMES HAVE NOT EXISTED BEFORE
NOW. I SHALL PERSONALLY TRY TO WORK TOWARDS SURMOUNTING
SOME OF THE INEVITABLE PROVBLEMS CONNECTED WITH TRYING
TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE PROGRAMME IN NIGERIA. SOME
OF THESE PROBLEMS ARE KNOWN AND MANY OTHERS UNFORESEEN.
HOWEVER, DURING THE VISIT OF THE TEAM, THIS DIVISION
WOULD TRY ITS BEST TO MAKE USE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO
GET THE BEST RESULT FROM THE SURVEY. YOURS SINCERELY,
RAIMI O. OJIKUTU (DR.) ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (EPP). END
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